

TOLEDO --- OHIO,

SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

FEBRUARY 15th, 1942.

DEAR MISS PARLOW,

I am hoping that you received my recent letter and am apparently supplementing it in quick order. Reason:- I have the news which Miss Parlow has been waiting for --- the outcome of my physical examinations; Decision:- Definitely rejected from active combat duty. And Oh !!! am I happy over it, and now I can proceed with my intended plans. (I was rejected because of very bad eyes (without glasses, I mean), they being extremely weak and near-sightedly so.

Thus, Miss Parlow, I am also extremely glad to write that I am going to go to Toronto after all !!! That is, if the plans which I must at present submit to you will be found acceptable to you. Unfortunately, because of finances I am confined to them. And this plan would be:- arrangements to take one lesson every four weeks, and I would have to commute between Toledo and Toronto for these lessons because of two reasons:- firstly, low funds; and secondly, because these funds (meager as it is) I earn working as a clerk in my Dad's store. I would be able to pay Miss Parlow only five dollars for a lesson --- it would amount to more even if Miss Parlow could give me but fifteen minutes of time for five dollars than having no lessons at all. You see the arrangements I have made with my people are to to work for my meals and lodge and time to afford me hours of practice which I could not get in were I working in a factory or office. I must put in at least four hours each day of the week and Saturdays time calls for eight hours; all the other hours of each day I allot to my practicing. I am doing on an average of six hours each day.

So please, Miss Parlow, let me have a break to renew that long awaited desire on my part to resume instructions with you and steadily. Really that were I disposed financially to pay you a hundred dollars for a lesson I would ^{gladly} do so. But Miss Parlow knows that I only possess enthusiasm, ambition, and, and carlots of determination.

You see the trip would cost me --- round trip, that is, --- \$13.25, and I will be forced to spend one night in Toronto and return the next day, and this adds room costs and meals.

Totally, the entire plan will call for twenty dollars, if it gets your approval:--\$ 13.25 for the transportation, \$1.75 for room overnight and meals, and the \$5.00 for a lesson. This money I will have to ask my Dad to advance to me, and I tremble when I have to ask him for money.

So, Miss Parlow, please write to me as soon as possible and let me know whether this arrangement would be appropriate with you. I will pray that it will. You see, if I could get one lesson in every four weeks it would be better than none at all and who knows if I earn more money somehow I will take lessons more often.

Why is it that musicians are not born with money and riches to enable them to get the best out of music, to pursue unfalteringly music-lessons, hear great concert artists frequently, and so forth. Yes, we usually end up as paupers, (as history well bears out), but that is because musicians especially great ones have cared nothing about the outside surroundings of life --- everyday economics --- but they lived only inside their musical domains, doing the work they were bequeathed to do by the will of God.

But now I shall close and am hoping Miss Parlow will help me with an early response for, after getting your approval, I shall ask my Dad for the first advance and shall immediately let you know of the final decision:- then if you have approved, Miss Parlow, you will let me know when to start and the time, and other incidentals.

Give my regards to all.

I remain, most faithfully your student,

ANDREW.

P. S. Please excuse the many typographical errors and all other errors.